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Need \$6,000 For College? Here's How To Get It

BISMARCK, N.D., Feb. 15, 2016 -- High school seniors may qualify for up to \$6,000 for college tuition expenses by applying for a North Dakota Scholarship, State Superintendent Kirsten Baesler said.

The application deadline is June 3, 2016, Baesler said. Information about eligibility and how to apply are on the Department of Public Instruction's website: <https://www.nd.gov/dpi/schoolstaff/tse/grantsch/scholarship/>

Academic and career and technical education scholarships are available to all North Dakota students who meet the scholarship criteria, Baesler said.

Scholarship aid is distributed in chunks of \$750 per semester or \$500 per quarter, with a \$1,500 annual limit. Individual students can qualify for up to \$6,000 in aid during the course of their studies.

To be eligible for an academic scholarship, a high school student must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 on a scale of zero to 4.0. A qualifying student needs a minimum score of 24 on the ACT exam, and to have no grade lower than "C" on any course that is required to qualify for a scholarship.

The criteria for a career and technical education scholarship are similar, although a score of 5 or greater on each of three WorkKeys assessments can be substituted for the minimum ACT score.

Baesler said students who are educated at home may qualify for a scholarship if they meet the required criteria and furnish a home education transcript.

Students who qualify for a scholarship will be notified in early July. They must choose by July 15 whether to accept or defer the scholarship. A student may defer a scholarship for up to six years.

To maintain the scholarship in college, a student must take a full-time course load and have a minimum grade-point average of 2.75 on a scale of zero to 4.0. Full-time is defined as taking at least 12 credits during the first two semesters or quarters, and taking at least 15 credits afterward.

Students may use the scholarships at any approved public, private or tribal college or university within North Dakota.

The approved schools are the eleven colleges in the North Dakota University System; Cankdeska Cikana Community College, Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College, Sitting Bull College, Turtle Mountain Community College, and United Tribes Technical College; and the University of Mary, the University of Jamestown, Trinity Bible College, and Rasmussen College's Fargo location.

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